Profit (+)/loss(–) (Figs. in Rs. crores) (after CPRA)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CIL	400.32	29.73	611.44
SCCL	16.26	24.99	–190.80

Net profit earned by NCL during last three years is as under :-

1994-95 = Rs. 176.16 crores
1995-96 = Rs. 272.58 crores
1996-97 (Prov) = Rs. 294.56 crores

[English]

Coffee Plantation in Non-Traditional

6627. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether coffee plantation has started in Orissa, North-Eastern region and non-traditional States on experimental basis;

(b) if so, to what extent success has been achieved separately;

(c) the details of future programmes drawn up in this regard; and

(d) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) Coffee cultivation in non-traditional states has been taken up since 1976 when a target of 72,000 ha. of Coffee plantation was envisaged in all the non-traditional states. Since then, a total of 20,830 ha. has been brought under coffee cultivation in these states. Coffee Board has continued coffee cultivation in the non-traditional states through its various research and extension programmes. The following are the State-wise details of area under plantation in non-traditional States.

Sl. No.	State	Planted Area (In ha.)	Bearing Area (In ha.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Assam	1709.00	721.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	585.90	579.00
3.	Manipur	760.00	400.00
4.	Meghalaya	900.00	900.00
5.	Mizoram	2780.00	1252.00
6.	Nagaland	2650.00	850.00
7.	Tripura	726.40	506.50
8.	Andhra Pradesh	9311.54	8339.82
9.	Orissa	1407.00	356.60

(c) and (d) Coffee Board has proposed a comprehensive programme to support consolidation and expansion of coffee area in North-Eastern region and other non-trational areas which includes providing 50% subsidy for inputs and planting materials and assistance for marketing support during the Ninth Plan which is under finalisation.

[Translation]

Privatisation of Coal Sector

6628. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the workers unions engaged in Coal Industry are vehemently opposing the Governments decision regarding privatisation of this industry;

(b) whether coal workers and other workers unions have sent representations to Union Government in this regard and they are resorting to dharnas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c) The public sector trade unions affiliated to Centre of Indian Trade Union, All India Trade Union Congress and Hind Mazdoor Sabha had given a notice for a token one-day strike on 2.4.1997 on a charter of demands which included stoppage of privatisation of coal mines. On receipt of the strike notice, the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) was approached to intervene. However, the proposed strike was subsequently called off by the trade unions.

Representations from some trade unions opposing privatisation of coal industry were received. Two demonstrations on 3.3.1997 and 31.3.1997 were also staged at Calcutta on the same issue by the supporters of a few coal employees' unions.